

Claims

- [c1] ① A system, comprising:
a telephone, having a connection to a telephone line;
a computer, remote from said telephone; and
a connection between said telephone and said computer, said connection using
a protocol which does not require a dedicated wire connection between said
telephone and said computer, said connection operative to allow requests to be
sent from said telephone to said computer for processing, and to allow
information responsive to said requests to be returned from said computer to
said telephone.
- [c2] 2. The system as in claim 1, wherein said connection includes a home phone
line networking connection over an existing telephone wire between said
computer and said telephone.
- [c3] 3. A system as in claim 1, wherein said connection includes a bluetooth
connection.
- [c4] 4. A system as in claim 1, wherein said connection includes a wireless
networking connection.
- [c5] 5. A system as in claim 1 wherein said telephone is selectively connected to said
telephone line based on a command from said computer which is coupled over
said connection.
- [c6] 6. A system as in claim 1, further comprising a plurality of said telephones, and
said computer commands only certain ones of said telephones to be
commanded to communicate, based on applied information.
- [c7] 7. A system as in claim 1, wherein said requests include requests for said
computer to recognize spoken voice and return recognition information
indicative of said spoken voice.
- [c8] 8. A method, comprising:
detecting an incoming telephone call;
automatically detecting some aspect of said incoming telephone call; and

preventing a plurality of telephones from ringing if said aspect does not meet a predetermined criteria, otherwise allowing said plurality of telephones to ring.

- [c9] 9. Method as in claim 8, wherein said aspect is a caller id.
- [c10] 10. Method as in claim 8, wherein said aspect is a name that is spoken by a caller.
- [c11] 11. A method as in claim 7, wherein said preventing comprises allowing some, but not all, of said telephones to ring, and preventing others of said telephones from ringing.
- [c12] 12. A method as in claim 7, wherein said automatically detecting comprises monitoring a users response to a specified aspect at a first time, and carrying out the same responds at a second time.
- [c13] 13. A system, comprising:
a first computer, receiving a voice to be recognized;
a second computer, including automatic voice recognition capability; and
a network connection between said first and second computer's,
wherein said first computer operates to receive said voice to be recognized, send information indicative of said voice to be recognized to said second computer, and receive recognition information indicative of said voice to be recognized from said first computer.
- [c14] 14. A system as in claim 13, wherein said first computer is included within a portable phone.
- [c15] 15. A system as in claim 13, wherein said first computer is included within a personal digital assistant.
- [c16] 16. A system as in claim 14, further comprising using said text to control some aspect of said portable telephone.
- [c17] 17. A system as in claim 13, wherein said network connection is a wireless connection.
- [c18] 18. A system as in claim 13, wherein said network connection is a connection

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